

He served as a faculty member at Central Connecticut State University and for the past 15 years was the Director of the Office of Affirmative Action at the UCONN Health Center. Over the course of his life he also served on the Board of Directors for a variety of organizations like United Way, the New Britain Public Library, Catholic Family Services, and the Boys and Girls Club; always seeking to give back to his adopted home in New Britain. A devout man, Archie was a long-time member and past Senior Warden of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain.

The creation of a more just and inclusive society was the issue that defined Archie's lifetime of community service more than any other. He served as President of the New Britain-Berlin Rotary Club, an organization dedicated to strengthening the community by bringing people together in service to the community. Archie also served as Chairman of the New Britain Commission on Human Rights and sat on the National Board of Directors of YMCA in the U.S.A. While there he took part in the Jerusalem International YMCA Task Force, a program that seeks to bring opposing communities together and build peace in the Holy Land. Only recently did Archie retire from his position on the New Britain YMCA Board of Trustees.

In reflection on the unfortunate loss of a decorated public servant, veteran, and advocate for the communities of New Britain and Connecticut, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and honoring the life of Archie Savage, Jr. and the work he has done defending this country and working to bring together diverse communities across Connecticut and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE DR. ARMENIA
C. MALLORY COMMUNITY
HEALTH CENTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Dr. Armenia C. Mallory Community Health Center, Inc. for their years of service to those in need of quality family health care. The Mallory Health Center provides families within the Mississippi communities of Lexington, Tchula, Durant, Vaiden, Canton and Greenwood quality and affordable health care.

The Mallory Health Center evolved from a community health survey conducted by the Rural Organizing and Cultural Center, Inc. in 1991. The survey documented the many health disparities and access barriers that hindered proper growth, development, and maintenance of a healthy citizen.

In April 1993 the Mallory Community Health Center was incorporated in Mississippi as a nonprofit corporation by a group of committed men and women concerned about improving health care services in their community. The Mallory Community Health Center's mission became to assure that all persons regardless of their ability to pay have access to quality, comprehensive, cost-effective primary health care services. Second to that mission was to empower their community to self-sufficiency while improving the health status of the community.

The Center was named in honor of Dr. Armenia C. Mallory for her untiring commitment to make a difference for all people. She devoted more than 50 years of her life to serving the Holmes County, Mississippi community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in expressing my gratitude and appreciation to the Dr. Armenia C. Mallory Community Health Center.

HONORING VIETNAM VETERAN
PAUL GIBERT

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Corporal Paul Gibert for his valiant service as a Marine in the Vietnam War, upon his homecoming from a recent revisit to Vietnam. Mr. Gibert served his country loyally and with great devotion, putting his life at risk on numerous occasions to save wounded fellow Marines.

Corporal Gibert enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1966, at age 19. After completing basic training, escape and evasion courses, and advanced language Vietnamese courses, he was assigned as a recon scout with the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. His storied unit was known as the "The Walking Dead" because of its record setting casualty rate.

As a recon scout fluent in Vietnamese, he was routinely assigned to go ahead of his unit and participate in extremely dangerous recon work in villages that had not yet been secured. It was not uncommon for him to be given inaccurate information from locals who were actually working for the North Vietnamese, making his job one of the most dangerous jobs in the Marine Corps.

In April 1967, during Operation Buffalo, the 9th Marines suffered a severe setback. Corporal Gibert was called up from a rear area to support a unit that had been so severely attacked they were actually piling the dead and wounded onto tanks to evacuate them. Virtually all of the Marines in the attacked unit were either killed or wounded. Reaching down to help a wounded Marine, Gibert was hit by shrapnel from an exploding artillery shell, piercing his shoulder. He was evacuated and recuperated for six weeks in an Air Force hospital in Cam Rahn Bay, after which he was sent back to his unit.

In September, only a few months later, he was back in the hospital for jungle rot in his leg, which had swollen up to the size of a barrel. With the exception of his recovery time in the hospital, virtually all of his time in Vietnam was spent near the Demilitarized Zone. Corporal Gibert was awarded the Purple Heart for his wounds, and his unit received two Presidential Unit Citations for exceptional valor.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in commending Corporal Paul Gibert for his bravery and commitment to his country. I sincerely thank him for his service, and wish him well as he returns from his recent trip back to Vietnam for what I know had to be a deeply emotional experience.

A TRIBUTE TO MISSOURI SUPREME COURT JUDGE GEORGE W. DRAPER, ACCLAIMED JURIST, PROSECUTOR, AND CIVIC LEADER

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American—a remarkable trial attorney, prosecutor, circuit and appellate judge, and most recently, the newest member of the Missouri Supreme Court, my dear friend and constituent, the Honorable Judge George W. Draper. Late last year, Missouri Governor Jay Nixon appointed Judge Draper to the Missouri Supreme Court after 17 years on the bench and 10 years in the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's office. He is only the second African American to serve on Missouri's high court. During his 27 years of public service, Judge Draper has demonstrated a dedication to justice and to serving the people of Missouri.

Those decades of experience and his legal acumen will serve him well on the Missouri Supreme Court. While serving on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Judge Draper heard a variety of civil and criminal appeals and authored several hundred opinions. He served as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals from 2005 to 2006. Prior to his appointment to the appellate court, Judge Draper served first as an associate circuit judge from 1994 to 1998, and then as a circuit judge from 1998 to 2000 in St. Louis County. While serving as a prosecutor with the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office from 1984 to 1994, Judge Draper prosecuted numerous major felony cases and worked closely with law enforcement.

A graduate of Howard University School of Law, Judge Draper obtained his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta. Judge Draper has been active in several bar associations, including the Mound City Bar Association and the Missouri Bar Association, and has been supportive of the Missouri Asian Bar Association, as well as being an active member of Covenant Community Church.

Mr. Speaker, I have been blessed to know Judge George W. Draper and his wonderful family for more than three decades. His dedication to the law, to his State, and to the community that I represent is legendary. He is truly worthy of receiving this special congressional recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF ELLEN STILLMAN

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mrs. Ellen Stillman, a resident of Hanson, Massachusetts, who celebrates her 100th birthday on February 20th.

Ellen was born in 1912, and began her first job at a Hanson cranberry cooperative, Cranberry Cannery, when she was 15 years old. She fell in love with the work and after graduating from the Chandler School for Women and Boston University with a degree in journalism and advertising, she convinced her father to cultivate a bog of their own. In 1937,